

**Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application
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In the Specification:

Please amend the instant Specification, without prejudice, as follows:

Please delete all text above line 7 of page 1.

At page 1, above line 7, please add the following new section headings and title of the invention:

--TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Methods of Treating Skin and/or Hair With Sugar Esters

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

At page 3, at line 1 thereof, please delete the section heading "Description of the Invention", and insert the following new section heading and new paragraph:

--BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates, in general, to the field of cosmetics and, more particularly, to the use of sugar esters as active components for the production of hair and skin care preparations.--

At page 5, between lines 6 and 7 thereof, please insert the following new section heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

At page 47, between lines 1 and 2 thereof, please add the following new paragraph:

--What is claimed is:--.